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MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY #9/10 November 26, 2010

The Authority Meeting #9/10, was held in Weston Room B, Black Creek Pioneer Village, on Friday, November 26, 2010. The Chair Gerri Lynn O'Connor, called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m.

#### PRESENT

Bryan Bertie Laurie Bruce Gay Cowbourne Mike Del Grande Pamela Gough Lois Griffin Suzan Hall Jack Heath Colleen Jordan Glenn Mason Gerri Lynn O'Connor Linda Pabst John Parker Anthony Perruzza Gino Rosati	Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Chair Member Member Member Member Member Member
Richard Whitehead	Member
ABSENT Eve Adams Paul Ainslie Maria Augimeri David Barrow Glenn De Baeremaeker Grant Gibson Bill Fisch Bonnie Littley Peter Milczyn Ron Moeser Maja Prentice John Sprovieri	Member Member Vice Chair Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member Member

#### RES.#A192/10 - MINUTES

Moved by:Richard WhiteheadSeconded by:Gay Cowbourne

THAT the Minutes of Meeting #8/10, held on October 29, 2010, be approved.

CARRIED

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mike Del Grande declared a conflict of interest in regard to items AUTH5.1 and AUTH7.1 in regard to Project for Acquisition of Office Space, as it conflicts with future duties as a Councillor at the City of Toronto.

#### <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u> <u>RES.#A193/10</u>

Moved by:	Richard Whitehead
Seconded by:	Gay Cowbourne

THAT the committee move into closed session to hear presentation AUTH5.1 and to discuss AUTH7.1 - Project for Acquisition of Office Space, which are confidential as they pertain to on-going property negotiations.

CARRIED

#### ARISE AND REPORT RES.#A194/10

Moved by:Anthony PerruzzaSeconded by:Colleen Jordan

THAT the committee arise and report from closed session.

CARRIED

#### PRESENTATIONS

(a) A presentation by Jim Dillane, Director, Finance and Business Services, TRCA, in regard to confidential item AUTH7.1 - Project for Acquisition of Office Space.

## RES.#A195/10 - PRESENTATIONS

Moved by:Anthony PerruzzaSeconded by:Colleen Jordan

THAT above-noted presentation (a) be heard and received.

CARRIED

#### CORRESPONDENCE

(a) A letter dated November 12, 2010, from Madeleine McDowell, Toronto, in regard to removal of topsoil.

#### RES.#A196/10 - CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by: Jack Heath Seconded by: Bryan Bertie

THAT above-noted correspondence (a) be referred to staff for a report back to the Authority at a future meeting.

CARRIED

## **CORRESPONDENCE (A)**

November 12th, 2010

The Chair and Board Members Toronto and Region Conservation Authority 5 Shoreham Drive, Downsview, Ontario M3N 1S4

Dear Chair O'Connor:

The Authority, from time to time, receives requests from developers to undertake works within a TRCA regulated area in order to facilitate topsoil stripping and pre-grading.

All of these are in areas already approved for development under one or another municipal Official Plan often dating back twenty or more years.

There are six such applications in the November 26th agenda. This, I believe is an unusual number, and prompted this letter.

Would it be possible for the Authority to set up an accumulative list of the acres/hectares of land, by watershed, being stripped of topsoil, for which they grant approval.

The incremental loss of arable land should be documented, if only for monitoring purposes. It would be a useful additional tool in projection of run off and canopy regeneration planning.

Development already approved can not be challenged, but it might be of value to monitor the removal and possibly, the redistribution of topsoil. An accumulative record of topsoil removal might even inspire more good placement and use of clean top soil, possibly in relationship to the new and growing urban agriculture.

It would be good information to have, both in terms of urbanization and its environmental implications for the watersheds in such things as storm water management and in terms of loss of arable lands with their productivity and their recharge value.

Thank you for your kind attention,

Madeleine McDowell

## **SECTION I - ITEMS FOR AUTHORITY ACTION**

## <u>RES.#A197/10</u> - PROJECT FOR ACQUISITION OF OFFICE SPACE

Purchase and Sale Agreement. Recommends approval of a project for acquisition of office space and proposed purchase and sale agreement with ING Real Estate.

Moved by:	Anthony Perruzza
Seconded by:	Colleen Jordan

WHEREAS the current office accommodation of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) Head Office at 5 Shoreham Drive is sub-standard;

AND WHEREAS staff that perform core "head office" activities are currently housed in multiple locations that add to the operating costs and result in inefficiencies in operations;

AND WHEREAS the current market assessment is that it will be more economical for TRCA to reduce the the amount of rental accommodation for staff;

AND WHEREAS the current market condition provides the opportunity to acquire property at a reduced cost as compared to previous years;

AND WHEREAS the project to acquire consolidated office space cannot proceed without funding support of TRCA's participating municipalities;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Project for Acquisition of Office Space be approved;

THAT staff be directed to seek approval of the Project for Acquisition of Office Space by the member municipalities;

THAT total funding for the Project of \$14,000,000 be levied from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's participating municipalities on the basis of the modified current value assessment formula;

THAT staff be directed to finalize an acceptable purchase and sale agreement with representatives of ING Inc. for acquisition of the property at 1235 Ormont Drive, City of Toronto, on terms and conditions acceptable to TRCA and its solicitors, perform such due diligence as is required and report to the Authority no later than March 25, 2011, with a recommendation on the purchase and sale agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT authorized TRCA officials be directed to take action necessary to implement the project including obtaining any necessary approvals and the signing and execution of documents.

### RECORDED VOTE

Bryan Bertie	Yea
Laurie Bruce	Yea
Gay Cowbourne	Yea
Pamela Gough	Yea
Lois Griffin	Yea
Suzan Hall	Yea
Jack Heath	Yea
Colleen Jordan	Yea
Glenn Mason	Yea
Gerri Lynn O'Connor	Yea
Linda Pabst	Yea
John Parker	Yea
Anthony Perruzza	Yea
Gino Rosati	Yea
Richard Whitehead	Yea

#### THE MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED, WAS

CARRIED

#### <u>RES.#A198/10</u> - LAKEVIEW WATERFRONT CONNECTION

Agreement with Credit Valley Conservation. Direction to enter into an agreement with Credit Valley Conservation to provide advice around the feasibility of creating new lands, through lakefilling, that will provide public waterfront access, connections to existing trails and park systems, and allow for the creation of coastal habitats.

Moved by:	Suzan Hall
Seconded by:	Pamela Gough

WHEREAS the long-standing goal of the Waterfront Plan for the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Area, 1967 is to make the waterfront accessible;

WHEREAS TRCA staff was requested by Region of Peel staff to provide expert advice regarding the potential development of a new waterfront amenity;

WHEREAS Peel and Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) are seeking Council and board approvals to proceed with a feasibility study forth with;

WHEREAS the majority of the waterfront within the defined study area is within CVC's jurisdiction;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) enter into an agreement with CVC to provide expert advice and assistance on a fee for service basis to the Regional Municipality of Peel regarding the feasibility of the development of a waterfront amenity along the Lake Ontario waterfront located at the boundary of CVC and TRCA's jurisdiction, City of Mississauga, Regional Municipality of Peel;

THAT TRCA staff report back as required upon completion of the feasibility study with regards to further TRCA involvement in subsequent planning and implementation;

AND FURTHER THAT authorized officials be directed to take the necessary action to implement the agreement including the signing and execution of documents.

#### CARRIED

#### BACKGROUND

The foundation of waterfront planning and development undertaken by TRCA is based on the *Waterfront Plan for the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Area, 1967*. As the designated implementation agency for the 1967 waterfront plan, TRCA began the development of major waterfront amenities including the Humber Bay Park Complex, Ashbridge's Bay Park, Bluffers Park and the Petticoat Creek Conservation Area in the early 1970s.

TRCA consolidated its resource management plans and programs into *The Lake Ontario Waterfront Development Program* (1980). The objective of the Program is "to create a handsome waterfront, balanced in its land use, which will complement adjacent areas, taking cognizance of existing residential development and making accessible, wherever possible, features which warrant public use".

TRCA's waterfront development evolved into an ecosystem-based approach, which included the guiding principles and key objectives of the *Metropolitan Waterfront Plan (1994)*. One key objective of the 1994 waterfront plan is "to provide for continuous public access along the waterfront for public use and enjoyment". TRCA also adopted the key principles of *Regeneration (1992)*, released by The Royal Commission on the Future of the Toronto Waterfront: "to provide an ecosystem-based framework to ensure that shoreline management activities result in a clean, green, accessible, diverse, connected, open, affordable, attractive and useable waterfront".

Within both TRCA's and CVC's jurisdiction, official plans speak to the need to improve public access to the waterfront. In 2007, the City of Mississauga initiated a review of the Lakeview and Port Credit districts to update the policy framework that guides future development activity and municipal investment. An extensive public consultation process is documented in the *Lakeview and Port Credit District Policies Review and Public Engagement Process Directions Report.* Lakeview's vision was identified as *Strengthening the Community* with a focus on improving community health and the environment, reconnecting to the Lake Ontario waterfront and providing economic stability.

The results of the public consultation process confirmed public support for achieving public access to the waterfront and suggested the need for a public shoreline that connects parkland and natural areas from Cooksville Creek to Etobicoke Creek. Based on these works, on October 6, 2010, the City of Mississauga initiated a collaborative public consultation process to prepare a visionary master plan for the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Lakeview site and its surrounding context. In early December, the City of Mississauga will carry out additional public consultation for the proposed land use policy framework and its coordination. CVC staff will work with the City's team to ensure shoreline improvements, natural heritage and connectivity are considered during this planning process, consistent with conservation authority regulations, policies and guidelines.

## RATIONALE

In the spring of 2010, the Region of Peel began to explore potential local sites to accommodate fill generated by several planned projects over the next ten years. Currently, fill generated by the Region of Peel infrastructure projects, including the Hanlan Feedermain project, is trucked to Milton and Brampton. The trucking costs represent an estimated 25% of the total project costs. Based on TRCA's waterfront development expertise, the Region of Peel requested that TRCA staff facilitate dialogue with the City of Mississauga and CVC to explore, conceptually, how this fill resource could be better used for the creation of a new waterfront greenspace.

On May 31, 2010 representatives from all four agencies (Region of Peel, TRCA, CVC and City of Mississauga) met to discuss the merits of reusing locally generated fill to create a waterfront greenspace between Marie Curtis Park in Toronto and Lakefront Promenade Park in Mississauga; this section of the waterfront having been highly altered and currently inaccessible to the public. This new waterfront greenspace could be designed to serve the needs of multiple recreational functions (i.e., hiking, boating, cycling, etc.) and re-create critical coastal habitats such as wetlands, forests and spawning areas.

Based on the outcome of the May agency meeting, CVC offered to facilitate a feasibility study in partnership with TRCA, and on behalf of the stakeholders, to explore this opportunity further. Subsequent inter-agency meetings have continued to foster this dialogue and the interest by all parties. CVC will continue to lead dialogue with all involved agencies to ensure full collaboration and cooperation as far as the feasibility study is concerned and its direct and indirect links to current planning of the OPG Lakeview lands, Marie Curtis Park, Arsenal Lands and CVC's *Lake Ontario Integrated Shoreline Strategy*.

## DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

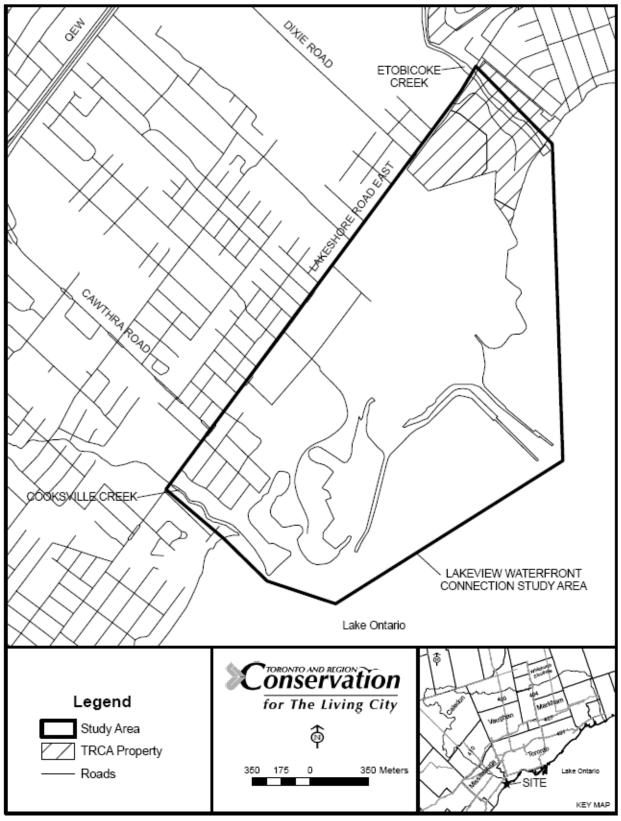
The feasibility study will examine the potential to create, through lake filling operations, new lands that will provide public waterfront access, connections to existing parks systems and allow for the creation of coastal habitats. The purpose of the feasibility study is to define risks and explore costs and benefits of the project proceeding to the Environmental Assessment stage. The feasibility study will identify stakeholder requirements, establish baseline conditions based on existing information, identify specific planning and knowledge gaps, outline design and implementation activities, and propose schedules and cost estimates. The feasibility study will consider not only site-specific planning and technical considerations, but also surrounding local and regional initiatives to maximize compatibility.

## FINANCIAL DETAILS

Through an agreement with CVC, TRCA staff will provide technical support in the preparation of the feasibility study. The agreement will outline a work plan, assignment of tasks, schedule and budget for the feasibility study. The agreement would stipulate required reimbursement to cover TRCA staff time and related expenses, expected to be in the range of \$50,000 to \$100,000.

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## Attachment 1



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## RES.#A199/10 - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO 2009/2010 ANNUAL REPORT Acknowledging key recommendations related to conservation authorities made by the Environmental Commissioner in his 2009/2010 Annual Report.

Moved by:	Colleen Jordan
Seconded by:	Laurie Bruce

WHEREAS the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (ECO) has called for a significant redefinition of Conservation to make do with less and to use what we have more wisely in order to halt long-term degradation of the environment for future generations, address significant consequences of climate change and biodiversity loss;

AND WHEREAS key recommendations have been made in the Annual Report regarding Conserving Biodiversity, Integrated Watershed Management Planning and Stormwater Management;

AND WHEREAS the ECO has acknowledged and called for a continued leadership role of conservation authorities in redefining Conservation through his Annual Report recommendations;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) endorse recommendations 2, 8 and 15 of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario in his 2009/2010 Annual Report titled "Redefining Conservation";

AND FURTHER THAT TRCA's member municipalities, Conservation Ontario, the provincial ministries of Natural Resources, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Infrastructure, Environment, Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the ECO be so advised by the CAO's Office.

#### CARRIED

#### BACKGROUND

On September 22, 2010, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (ECO), Mr. Gord Miller, released his 2009/2010 Annual Report titled "Redefining Conservation." The ECO is an independent officer of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario created through the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993. Recently, through the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009*, the ECO's mandate has been expanded to report publicly on Ontario's progress toward meeting our greenhouse gas emission reduction and energy conservation targets. As such, he has a unique role reporting directly to the people of Ontario, through their Provincial Parliament on progress related to climate change and energy conservation. The ECO's reports also seek to make ministries accountable for their environmental decisions, to ensure that ministry decisions are made in accordance with the goal all Ontarians hold in common: to protect, conserve and restore the natural environment for present and future generations.

## RATIONALE

The ECO, in his 2009/2010 Annual Report, calls for a significant redefinition of the concept of 'Conservation'. The ECO states that, even with attempts to move toward sustainable development, current government policies are leading to long-term degradation of the environment for future generations. This environmental degradation includes the significant consequences of climate change and biodiversity loss. To address this situation we must make do with less and use what we have more wisely. The ECO calls for "a concept of conservation that is based on our new understanding of ecological processes and the appropriate use of resources. Our conservation ethic must consider the cumulative impacts of our activities, incorporate a precautionary approach to decision making and include intergenerational equity in our considerations. To be successfully applied, conservation ideals must be integrated into our economic system."

Fifteen (15) focused recommendations are made to the provincial government in the Report. Of these, conservation authorities have a key leadership role to play in addressing three of the fifteen recommendations, which are discussed in turn below.

1) ECO Recommendation: that the Ministry of Natural Resources lead a co-ordinated afforestation strategy for southern Ontario, with a target of planting 1 billion trees of native species, to address the long-term ecological function of natural heritage systems and the impacts of climate change.

TRCA's watershed planning, terrestrial natural heritage planning, stewardship and afforestation activities have helped to lay the groundwork for this recommendation. In the Report, the ECO notes that "Conservation Authorities (CAs) have a long history in tree planting and afforestation. Since the 1940's, CAs have provided planting services to landowners, including those that did not qualify for provincial programs. Over the past few years, on average, CAs have planted over 2.5 million trees each year."

The call for planting one billion trees is based, in part, on Environment Canada recommendations that all watersheds should have at least 30 per cent natural forest cover to support wildlife species, conserve biodiversity and maintain water quality and quantity. To buttress the need for an ambitious target of 1 billion trees and associated provincial support, the ECO relies upon research undertaken by TRCA in the Humber River watershed: "The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority estimates that at the current rate of tree planting, it would take 175 years to reach 30 per cent forest cover in the West Humber, Lower Humber and Black Creek subwatersheds."

In recent years, TRCA has played a valuable role in the development of urban forest studies. TRCA has been undertaking urban forest studies alongside its member municipalities to describe the urban forest and quantify its contribution to air quality, water management, biodiversity and to climate change mitigation. This work has assisted municipalities in strategically improving and managing the urban forest. The collaboration on urban forest studies across the TRCA jurisdiction, in its totality, represents the largest such study ever undertaken.

The afforestation strategy envisioned by the ECO would set out priorities for key planting areas, such as watersheds with less than 30 per cent forest cover, and incorporate climate change mitigation and adaption considerations. Should the province adopt this recommendation, it is clear that TRCA could play a key role in implementation based upon our work in afforestation throughout the TRCA jurisdiction.

### 2) ECO Recommendation: that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing amend the Provincial Policy Statement to require integrated watershed management planning.

This recommendation recognizes the vital watershed management planning work that has been undertaken by CA's throughout the province. By elevating integrated watershed management planning to a 'requirement' as part of municipal land use planning under the key provincial land use policy framework - the Provincial Policy Statement - the ECO is seeking to strengthen the role of watershed planning within Ontario's land use planning system. As stated by the ECO: "Integrated watershed management, currently practiced by most Conservation Authorities, is an excellent example of how natural landscape features can be conserved and protected in Ontario's land use planning context."

The ECO notes in the Report that "approximately two-thirds of CAs have or are carrying out watershed studies or plans in the province. There is no comprehensive water policy legislation in Ontario that guides integrated watershed management planning. As a result, interpretation of policies and implementation of integrated watershed management plans vary across the province." To address this situation the ECO recommends that the Provincial Policy Statement be revised to mandate integrated watershed management planning in order to protect all of Ontario's ecologically and hydrologically significant features. To support a revised Provincial Policy Statement, the ECO calls for a "comprehensive water policy" to provide consistency to the practice of integrated watershed management planning to be implemented by CAs across the province.

TRCA has been a leader with our watershed planning and implementation work often breaking new ground in innovation and the application of resource science. For example, to develop a greater understanding of local climate change impacts and vulnerability to our watersheds, TRCA has initiated work to share new science, research, tools and technologies with end-users through the work of the Climate Consortium for Research Action and Integration (CC-RAI). A greater recognition of watershed planning within Ontario's planning system would add greater weight to the recommendations and management actions contained within TRCA's watershed plans as land use decisions are made, thereby supporting successful implementation.

3) ECO recommendation: that the Ministry of the Environment take the lead on collecting appropriate hydrologic data, and creating models, to allow stormwater management planning to reflect changing climate patterns.

This recommendation touches upon significant components of TRCA's work: stormwater management and climate change. The ECO in his report calls for a suite of innovative approaches to redefine Ontario's approach to stormwater management to assess vulnerability and adapt to climate change. According to the ECO, innovation is also needed to lower the ecological impact of stormwater. Finally, the ECO flags a key information gap related to outdated weather data on the intensity, duration and frequency (IDF) of storms, which is used to plan for and properly size new infrastructure. On each of these fronts, TRCA has been working in a leadership role with the Ministry of the Environment, municipal partners and others to find solutions to current stormwater management issues.

Earlier this year TRCA released *Getting to Carbon Neutral: A Guide for Canadian Municipalities*, which was commissioned by TRCA to develop and highlight various practical approaches municipalities can take to reduce their carbon emissions to address both climate change mitigation and adaption. Recently, as the first of its kind for Ontario, TRCA released a *Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Planning and Design Guide* along with Credit Valley Conservation to provide guidance on a suite of innovative low impact development approaches to reduce the ecological impact of stormwater management. With respect to IDF weather data, TRCA has been working with Environment Canada to explore revisions to the IDF data to address climate change. In each instance, TRCA has taken a leadership position to ensure that stormwater management planning in Ontario responds to current and anticipated future climate change issues.

## CONCLUSION

TRCA staff recommend that recommendations 2, 8 and 15 of the ECO in his 2009/2010 Annual Report be endorsed, as the ECO has underscored several vital areas of conservation including afforestation, integrated watershed planning, stormwater management and climate change. The ECO's message of redefining conservation brings to focus the vital work that conservation authorities play in supporting the values espoused in the Environmental Bill of Rights: to protect, conserve, and restore the natural environment for present and future generations.

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<u>RES.#A200/10</u> - PARTNERS IN PROJECT GREEN: STEERING COMMITTEE Revised Terms of Reference and Membership. To approve the 2011-2012 Partners in Project Green Steering Committee revised terms of reference and membership.

Moved by: Suzan Hall Seconded by: Pamela Gough THAT the Partners in Project Green Steering Committee Terms of Reference, as appended, be approved;

THAT the 2011-2012 list of Partners in Project Green Steering Committee members, as outlined in the staff report, be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT the cities of Toronto and Mississauga be requested to appoint representatives to the Partners in Project Green Steering Committee.

### BACKGROUND

## CARRIED

In partnership with Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA), Regional Municipality of Peel, City of Toronto, City of Mississauga and City of Brampton, TRCA has been working to implement Partners in Project Green: A Pearson Eco-Business Zone. Partners in Project Green is an initiative to develop North America's largest eco-business zone around Toronto Pearson International Airport (Toronto Pearson).

Through new forms of business-to-business collaboration, Partners in Project Green delivers programming that helps businesses reduce energy and resource costs, uncover new business opportunities, and address everyday operational challenges in a green and cost-effective manner.

Partners in Project Green is overseen by a steering committee that brings together representation from all three levels of government and the business community to provide oversight on the development, implementation and management of Partners in Project Green, while championing green economic development and infrastructure investments around Toronto Pearson.

At Authority Meeting #6/08, held on July 25, 2008, Resolution #A184/08 was approved, in part, as follows:

...THAT the Terms of Reference for the Partners In Project Green: A Pearson Eco-Business Zone Steering Committee, as appended, be approved and staff be authorized to establish the Partners in Project Steering Committee to begin the implementation of key priorities;...

The first two-year term of the Partners in Project Green Steering Committee will expire at the end of 2010. As per Section 4 of the 2009-2010 Terms of Reference, the current Partners in Project Green Steering Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference at their recent meeting and endorsed the following changes:

- Executive Committee addition of the Executive Committee within the Terms of Reference, as well as its roles and meeting structure.
- Steering Committee Membership Structure membership structure of the Steering Committee, including sector representation, association representation and government representation were changed to reflect the following:
  - Business Community 28 representatives drawn from the business community in the Pearson Eco-Business Zone.

- Municipalities five representatives, including a council member from the Region of Peel, cities of Toronto, Brampton and Mississauga, along with the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Region of Peel.
- Federal and Provincial Governments two staff or political representatives from senior levels of government, with one from the province and one from the federal government.
- TRCA two representatives from TRCA, including the CAO and the Chair of the Etobicoke-Mimico Watersheds Coalition.

## 2011-2012 Partners in Project Green Terms of Reference

At Partners in Project Green Steering Committee Meeting #3/10, the following was approved:

THAT the 2011-2012 Partners in Project Green Steering Committee Terms of Reference be recommended to TRCA for necessary approvals.

A copy of the updated 2011-2012 Partners in Project Green Steering Committee Terms of Reference is outlined in Attachment 1.

## 2011-2012 Partners in Project Green Steering Committee

The following are the proposed representatives for the 2011-2012 Partners in Project Green Steering Committee:

**Business Representatives** 

- 1. Debbie Baxter, Chief Sustainability Officer, Loyalty One
- 2. Mike Brandt, Chief Financial Officer, Monteco Group, representing Ontario Environment Industry Association
- 3. Paul Callegari, Director, Property Management Industrial, GWL Realty Advisors
- 4. Brad Chittick, Associate-Vice President, Supply Chain Major Projects, Canadian Tire
- 5. John Coyne, Vice President General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, Unilever
- 6. Ferg Devins, Vice President Government and Public Affairs, Molson Coors
- 7. Jane Holmes, Vice President Corporate Affairs, Woodbine Entertainment Group
- 8. Bob Griesbach, Director of Business Consulting, Hatch Energy, representing Mississauga Board of Trade
- 9. Andrew Gustyn, Corporate Sustainability Manager, Unisource
- 10. Randy Hansuld, Regional Relationships Manager, RBC
- 11. Walter Kraus, Senior Director Environmental Affairs, George Weston Ltd.
- 12. Neil Lacheur, Vice President Property Management, Bentall Real Estate
- 13. Eric Lange, President, Lange Transportation
- 14. Toby Lennox, Vice President Corporate Affairs and Communications, GTAA
- 15. Trevor Lui, Director of Food & Beverage, International Centre
- 16. Darryl Neate, Manager of Sustainable Programs, Oxford Properties
- 17. Mark O'Connor, Director Security and Compliance, Kuehne and Nagel
- 18. Dan Pastoric, Executive Vice President and Chief Operation Officer, Enersource
- 19. Jaipaul Singh, Member, Brampton Board of Trade
- 20. Ernie Springolo, Country Head, Bayer Material Science, Bayer Inc.
- 21. Renee Spurrell, Sourcing Manager, General Electric
- 22. Anne Tennier, Vice President Environmental Affairs, Maple Leaf Foods
- 23. Blair Wolk, Project Manager, Orlando Corporation

Political Representatives

- 1. Eve Adams, Councillor, Region of Peel
- 2. Bob Delaney, MPP Mississauga-Streetsville, Province of Ontario
- 3. Sandra Hames, Councillor, City of Brampton
- 4. David Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer, Region of Peel
- 5. Vacant Federal Government
- 6. Vacant Councillor, City of Mississauga
- 7. Vacant Councillor, City of Toronto

## TRCA

- 1. Suzanne Barrett, Chair, Etobicoke-Mimico Watersheds Coalition
- 2. Brian Denney, Chief Administrative Officer

Representatives from municipal partners and the federal government are yet to be confirmed. The additional business community representatives are also still be to be confirmed.

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## Partners in Project Green: A Pearson Eco-Business Zone Draft Steering Committee Terms of Reference (2011-2012)

## 1. Background

Partners in Project Green: A Pearson Eco-Business Zone is developed by the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA), the Region of Peel, City of Toronto, City of Brampton, City of Mississauga and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), to transform the lands surrounding Toronto Pearson into an internationally recognized community of eco-friendly businesses. The Partners and Project Green Steering Committee is being established to implement this vision.

## 1.1 Authority Direction

At Authority Meeting #6/08, held on July 25, 2008, Resolution #A184/08 was approved, in part, as follows:

...THAT the Terms of Reference for the Partners In Project Green: A Pearson Eco- Business Zone Steering Committee, as appended, be approved and staff be authorized to establish the Partners in Project Steering Committee to begin the implementation of key priorities;...

## 2. Vision

The vision of Partners in Project Green is to transform the Pearson Eco-Business Zone into an internationally recognized community known for its competitive, high performance and eco-friendly business climate.

#### 3. Mandate

The mandate of the Steering Committee is to:

- Assist businesses in the Pearson Eco-Business Zone to improve their financial and environmental performance; and,
- Retain and attract green investment in the Pearson Eco-Business Zone.

Generally, the Steering Committee will work with all relevant stakeholders to:

- **Build capacity** to stimulate strategic investments and partnerships that lead to green market transformation in the Pearson Eco-Business Zone.
- Initiate action to be a catalyst for new ideas, innovation, excellence and improvement in the employment lands encompassed by the Pearson Eco-Business Zone.

Specifically, the Steering Committee will be responsible for:

- Overseeing the development, implementation and management of the Partners in Project Green Business Plan.
- Facilitating, initiating and directing resources to project teams to implement projects and programs identified through stakeholder consultation.
- Championing green economic development and infrastructure investments in the Pearson Eco-Business Zone.
- Providing a regional business perspective in the areas of federal, provincial and municipal policy and program development as it pertains to green economic development.
- Publishing an annual report
- Undertaking regular stakeholder consultation, to review, evaluate and improve Partners in Project Green programs and projects.

## 4. Reporting Relationship

The Steering Committee is responsible to the broader region and community and the overall goals of Partners in Project Green. It will be accountable to the goals of Partners in Project Green by ensuring measurable goals are set and monitored, assessed and reported.

The Steering Committee is a subcommittee of TRCA and will regularly update the Authority on the status of Partners in Project Green initiatives, and provide updates to municipal councils and the GTAA board as requested.

The Steering Committee will advise staff on issues concerning the Pearson Eco-Business Zone and request implementation of projects and programs. Projects will be subject to TRCA or other agency approvals and approved funding. TRCA staff will assist with obtaining any required approvals.

## 5. Structure

The Steering Committee will have a Chair and Vice Chair and will establish action-orientated project teams to pursue key initiatives and will be supported by a secretariat provided by TRCA.

## 5.1 Appointment of Steering Committee Members

The Steering Committee will consist of approximately 37 voting members that will be comprised of 28 businesses from within the Pearson Eco-Business Zone and 8 government representatives as follows:

- **Business Community** (28 representatives)
  - 28 members drawn from the Pearson Eco-Business Zone and representatives of the business community.
- Municipalities (5 representatives)
  - The Region of Peel, City of Toronto, City of Brampton and City of Mississauga will be invited to a Council member or designate.
  - Chief Administrative Officer of the Region of Peel.

- Federal and Provincial Governments (maximum 2 representatives)
  - One Member of Provincial Parliament and one Member of Parliament or senior staff representatives from Provincial and Federal government will be invited to participate.
- **TRCA** (2 representatives)
  - The Chair of the Authority or other designated TRCA member or staff (Chief Administrative Officer) and the Chair of the Etobicoke-Mimico Watersheds Coalition.

Steering Committee members will be appointed for two-year terms by TRCA. It is anticipated that members will commit at least four days per year to prepare for and attend Steering Committee meetings. Steering Committee members will be expected to act as advocates at various events (e.g. visibility at key events and speaking engagements) and participate in or provide members for project teams.

The Steering Committee will meet on a quarterly basis or at the call of the chair. Meetings are anticipated to be no more than one-half day in length and an agenda will be distributed in advance of meetings.

## 5.2 Appointment Process

Membership on the Steering Committee will be drawn from organizations with connections to the Pearson Eco-Business Zone based on the following criteria:

- Sector whether the organization represents a critical sector within the Pearson Eco-Business Zone.
- Involvement with Partners in Project Green Project Teams whether the organization has or is willing to be involved in Partners in Project Green Project Teams.
- Organizational leadership on sustainability the organization has shown sustainability leadership.
- Location an operation and/or connection to the Pearson Eco-Business Zone.

Municipalities and other levels of governments will be formally requested to make appointments.

All proposed appointments will be presented to the Authority for formal approval.

The Chair and Vice Chair will be elected by the members of the Steering Committee.

#### 5.3 Steering Committee Chair and Vice Chair

The Chair and Vice Chair will provide leadership in building a shared vision and community commitment for moving forward with a blueprint for action. The Chair will have the following additional responsibilities:

- being the primary spokesperson for Partners in Project Green at public and official functions;
- presiding over Steering Committee meetings, setting the agenda and generally ensuring the effectiveness of meetings;
- recruiting members to project teams and appointing project team chairs;
- ensuring that the nomination and appointment of Steering Committee members occurs through an effective process and in a timely manner; and,
- facilitating progress on Partners in Project Green initiatives in collaboration with working group chairs.

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair will perform the above functions.

## 5.4 Staff Liaison

Additionally, staff from the Region of Peel, City of Toronto, City of Brampton and City of Mississauga will be requested to designate a staff from their economic development departments to liaise with the Steering Committee. Additional staff from planning and works may be appointed to participate on project teams as required.

## 5.5 Executive Committee

An Executive Committee that reports to the Steering Committee will be established and comprised of seven members including the Chair and Vice Chair, representatives of the founding agencies (TRCA and Region of Peel), and three members nominated by the Steering Committee.

The Executive Committee will advise staff and monitor priorities to ensure Partners in Project Green goals are being achieved. They will also provide leadership and communication among Partners in Project Green members and supporters.

The responsibilities of the Executive Committee will include:

- Act as a spokespersons for Partners in Project Green;
- Advise staff in setting priorities for Partners in Project Green Steering Committee meetings;
- Provide recommendations on programs and projects that have been approved as objectives by the Partners in Project Green Steering Committee; and,
- Act as a sounding board for staff to advance activities between Partners in Project Green Steering Committee meetings.

The Executive Committee will meet on a monthly basis either in-person or by conference call.

The Executive Committee will report to the Partners in Project Green Steering Committee and they will endorse the Executive Committee minutes to approve decisions.

The rules applicable to Partners in Project Green Steering Committee meetings will apply to Executive Committee meetings.

### 5.6 Quorum

A quorum will consist of one-third of the members of the Steering Committee.

## 5.7 Project Teams

Project teams will be task oriented and established based on Steering Committee priorities as reflected in its work program. Work plans will be prepared for each working group including projected outcomes and timelines.

Project teams will be comprised of both Steering Committee members and non-members who have a particular expertise critical to the task at hand. They will meet as required, will keep the Steering Committee apprised of activities and progress and will report to the Steering Committee as appropriate.

## 5.8 Project Team Chairs

The Chair of a project team can either be from the Steering Committee or from a Pearson Eco-Business Zone business or outside organization. They will provide leadership on specific initiatives and effective communication between the Steering Committee and project teams, and among project teams as appropriate. Chairs of project teams will have the following additional responsibilities:

- being the primary spokesperson for the project team at public and official functions;
- setting work program and meeting schedule in collaboration with project team members and the secretariat, and presiding over project team meetings;
- recruiting project team members; and,
- ensuring project team terms of reference are drafted and confirmed with the Steering Committee.

#### 5.9 Rules of Conduct

Consensus-based decision making will be the preferred procedure. TRCA Rules of Conduct and Purchasing Policies will be adhered to as required.

## 6. Secretariat

The Steering Committee, its Chair and project teams will be supported by a secretariat led by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. The secretariat will provide facilitation, project and program development and implementation, research and policy analysis, administrative support, financial management and communications.

## 7. Funding

Steering Committee and project team members will contribute their expertise as in-kind services. Compensation for transportation will be provided for attendance at meetings according to TRCA policy where these are not covered by their agency or other source. Core funding for Partners in Project Green will come from both public and private sector organizations, with specific funding for programs and projects being sought from a variety of funding sources.

### <u>RES.#A201/10</u> - RENEWAL OF INSTALLATION AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER TORONTO AIRPORTS AUTHORITY Vicinity of Acacia Avenue, City of Toronto. Receipt of a request from the City of Toronto for renewal of an existing installation agreement.

Moved by:	Suzan Hall
Seconded by:	Pamela Gough

WHEREAS Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is the owner of Part of Lot 12, Concession VI and Lot 247, Registered Plan 1842, City of Toronto;

AND WHEREAS the subject lands have been turned over to the City of Toronto, in accordance with the terms of an agreement dated June 14, 1961;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the renewal of the installation agreement with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) for a term of five years commencing January 1, 2010, be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT the authorized TRCA officials be directed to take whatever action may be required to give affect thereto, including obtaining necessary approvals and the signing and execution of any documents.

## BACKGROUND

## CARRIED

On February 15, 1979 TRCA, with the agreement of The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto (now the City of Toronto), entered into an agreement with the Ministry of Transport, representing Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (now the Greater Toronto Airport Authority), authorizing Transport Canada (now the Greater Toronto Airports Authority) to install a pole-mounted monitoring facility to record aircraft noise on TRCA-owned lands on Acacia Avenue, North York District, City of Toronto.

The agreement was continuously renewed by TRCA until March 31, 1994. TRCA then turned over to Metro Toronto the yearly administration of the licence, and since April 1, 1994 Metro has been responsible for its management.

The last licence was for a term of five years, which expired March 31, 2007 and included an annual licence fee of \$500 for Year 1, \$550 for Year 2, \$600 for Year 3, \$650 for year 4, and \$700 for year five, net, plus all applicable taxes and costs related to the licensed area. Either party has the right to terminate the licence at any time upon giving at least ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other. Between 2007 and 2010 the City of Toronto undertook negotiations with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority for all of their locations.

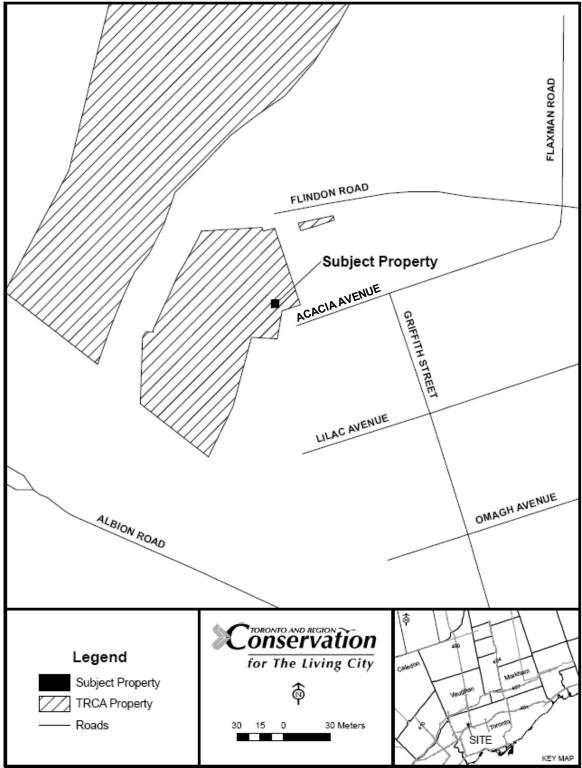
A sketch illustrating the TRCA-owned land effected is outlined in Attachment 1.

### FINANCIAL DETAILS

In accordance with the terms and conditions of the management agreement, no revenue or expense will be incurred in this instance by TRCA. The licence fee for the five year period will be \$500 for Year 1, \$515 for Year 2, \$530 for Year 3, \$546 for Year 4, and \$563 for Year 5. The City of Toronto staff has advised that this proposal is satisfactory to the City, which will receive the revenues generated.

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## Attachment 1



## RES.#A202/10 REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY-OWNED LAND West side of Weston Road, north of Highway No. 401, City of Toronto (Etobicoke York Community Council Area), CFN 43289. Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is in receipt of a request for a land exchange of a parcel of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority land located on the west side of Weston Road, north of Highway No. 401, City of Toronto (Etobicoke York Community Council Area), Humber River watershed. (Executive Res.#B130/10)

Moved by: Gay Cowbourne Seconded by: Gino Rosati

THAT item EX7.1 - Request for Disposal of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority-owned land be deferred to a future Executive Committee meeting.

CARRIED

RES.#A203/10 - GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010 Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Rouge River Watershed Estate of Taimi Soosaar, CFN 44124. Acquisition of land located east of Bayview Avenue north of Stouffville Road, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, under "Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2006-2010," Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Rouge River watershed. (Executive Res.#B131/10)

Moved by: Gay Cowbourne Seconded by: Gino Rosati

THAT 3.059 hectares (7.559 acres), more or less, of vacant land being Part of Lot 2, Concession 2, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, located east of Bayview Avenue, north of Stouffville Road be purchased from the Estate of Taimi Soosaar;

THAT the purchase price be \$30,000.00;

THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) receive conveyance of the land free from encumbrance, subject to existing service easements;

THAT the firm of Gardiner Roberts LLP, Barristers & Solicitors, be instructed to complete the transactions at the earliest possible date. All reasonable expenses incurred incidental to the closing for land transfer tax, legal costs and disbursements are to be paid; AND FURTHER THAT authorized TRCA officials be directed to take whatever action may be required to give effect hereto including the obtaining of necessary approvals and the signing and execution of any documents.

CARRIED

 RES.#A204/10 GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010

 Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Rouge River Watershed

 Mattamy Development Corporation, CFN 44769. Acquisition of

 valleylands located south of Hoover Park Drive and east of Ninth Line

 from Mattamy Homes, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Regional

 Municipality of York.

 (Executive Res.#B132/10)

Moved by:	Gay Cowbourne
Seconded by:	Gino Rosati

THAT 11.60 hectares (28.68 acres), more or less, of vacant land being Part of Lot 32, Concession 8, and designated Part 1 on a draft plan of survey prepared by Rady-Pentek & Edwards Surveying Ltd, #06-105, located south of Hoover Park Drive and east of Ninth Line, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, be purchased from Mattamy Development Corporation;

THAT the purchase price be \$2.00;

THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) receive conveyance of the land free from encumbrance, subject to existing service easements and a lease to Telus Communications Company;

THAT the firm of Gardiner Roberts LLP, Barristers & Solicitors, be instructed to complete the transaction at the earliest possible date. All reasonable expenses incurred incidental to the closing for land transfer tax, legal costs, and disbursements are to be paid;

AND FURTHER THAT authorized TRCA officials be directed to take whatever action may be required to give effect hereto, including the obtaining of necessary approvals and the signing and execution of any documents.

CARRIED

RES.#A205/10 - GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010 Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Humber River Watershed Mansions of Humberwood Inc., CFN 44768. Purchase of property located north of Humberwood Boulevard, east of Highway No. 427 (rear of 720 Humberwood Boulevard), City of Toronto (Etobicoke York Community Council Area), under the "Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2006-2010", Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Humber River watershed. (Executive Res.#B133/10)

Moved by:	Gay Cowbourne
Seconded by:	Gino Rosati

THAT 1.00 hectare (2.47 acres), more or less, of vacant land being Part of Block 1, Registered Plan 66M-2257 and designated as Block 41 on draft Plan of Subdivision prepared by Holding Jones Vanderveen Inc., Ontario Land Surveyors, under their Job No. 10-2040-MPLAN1, dated June 8, 2010, City of Toronto (Etobicoke York Community Council Area), located north of Humberwood Boulevard, east of Highway No. 427 (rear of 720 Humberwood Boulevard), be purchased from Mansions of Humberwood Inc.;

THAT the purchase price be \$2.00;

THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) receive conveyance of the land free from encumbrance, subject to existing service easements;

THAT the firm of Gardiner Roberts LLP, Barristers & Solicitors, be instructed to complete the transaction at the earliest possible date. All reasonable expenses incurred incidental to the closing for land transfer tax, legal costs, and disbursements are to be paid;

AND FURTHER THAT authorized TRCA officials be directed to take whatever action may be required to give effect thereto, including the obtaining of necessary approvals and the signing and execution of any documents.

CARRIED

RES.#A206/10 - GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010 Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Don River Watershed Andridge Homes Limited, CFN 44766. Purchase of property located east of Dufferin Street, south of Teston Road, City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York, under the "Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2006-2010", Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Don River watershed. (Executive Res.#B134/10)

Moved by: Gay Cowbourne Seconded by: Gino Rosati

THAT 8.21 hectares (20.28 acres), more or less, of vacant land being Part of Lots 24 and 25, Concession 2 and designated as Blocks 65, 66, 67, 68, 72, 73, 74, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 88 and 89 on a draft Plan of Subdivision prepared by Schaeffer & Dzaldov Limited, Ontario Land Surveyors, under their Job No. 03-809-00, dated May 20, 2010, City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York, located east of Dufferin Street, south of Teston Road, be purchased from Andridge Homes Limited;

THAT the purchase price be \$2.00;

THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) receive conveyance of the land free from encumbrance, subject to existing service easements;

THAT the firm of Gardiner Roberts LLP, Barristers & Solicitors, be instructed to complete the transaction at the earliest possible date. All reasonable expenses incurred incidental to the closing for land transfer tax, legal costs, and disbursements are to be paid;

AND FURTHER THAT authorized TRCA officials be directed to take the necessary action to finalize the transaction including obtaining needed approvals and execution of documentation.

CARRIED

## RES.#A207/10 - GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010 Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Rouge River Watershed Primont Homes, CFN 44775. Purchase of property located south of Gamble Road, west of Yonge Street, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, under the "Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2006-2010", Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Rouge River watershed. (Executive Res.#B135/10)

Moved by: Gay Cowbourne Seconded by: Gino Rosati

THAT 0.64 hectares (1.58 acres), more or less, of vacant land being Part of Lot 24 on Plan 4667 and designated as Block 14 on a draft Plan of Subdivision prepared by P. Salna Limited, Ontario Land Surveyors, under their File No. 76-10M, dated June 28, 2010, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, located south of Gamble Road, west of Yonge Street, be purchased from Primont Homes;

THAT the purchase price be \$2.00;

THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) receive conveyance of the land free from encumbrance, subject to a permanent easement in favour of the Town of Richmond Hill for maintenance of a roadway embankment and existing service easements;

THAT the firm of Gardiner Roberts LLP, Barristers & Solicitors, be instructed to complete the transaction at the earliest possible date. All reasonable expenses incurred incidental to the closing for land transfer tax, legal costs, and disbursements are to be paid;

AND FURTHER THAT authorized TRCA officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to finalize the transaction including obtaining any necessary approvals and the signing and execution of any documents.

CARRIED

## RES.#A208/10 - GREENLANDS ACQUISITION PROJECT FOR 2006-2010

Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Humber River Watershed Heathwood Homes (Tranquility-West) Limited, Regional Municipality of York, CFN 44763. Acquisition of property located on the east side of Bathurst Street between Humberland Drive and Mason Avenue in Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, under the 'Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2006-2010', Flood Plain and Conservation Component, Humber River watershed. *(Executive Res.#B136/10)* 

Moved by:Gay CowbourneSeconded by:Gino Rosati

THAT 15.38 hectares (38.01 acres), more or less, of vacant land, being Part of Lots 67 and 68, Concession I, and Block 108 Registered Plan 65M-3352, Geographic Township of King, designated as Block 132 on draft M-Plan prepared by Lloyd and Purcell under job no. 04-554, Town of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, be purchased from Heathwood Homes (Tranquility-West) Limited;

THAT the purchase price be \$2.00;

THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) receive conveyance of the land free from encumbrance, subject to existing service easements;

THAT the firm of Gardiner Roberts LLP, Barristers & Solicitors, be instructed to complete the transaction at the earliest possible date. All reasonable expenses incurred incidental to the closing for land transfer tax, legal costs, and disbursements are to be paid;

AND FURTHER THAT authorized TRCA officials be directed to take whatever action may be required to give effect thereto, including the obtaining of necessary approvals and the signing and execution of any documents.

CARRIED

 RES.#A209/10
 MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

 Expropriation Settlement, CFN 30391. Settlement of compensation relating to lands expropriated by the Ministry of Transportation for

 Highway #410, located north of Mayfield Road, East of Highway #10, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel. (Executive Res.#B137/10)

Moved by:Gay CowbourneSeconded by:Gino Rosati

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) expropriated Parts 1 and 2 on Expropriation Plan PR1149444 on October 6, 2006 and Part 1 on Expropriation Plan PR1384710 on December 5, 2007 from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA);

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT TRCA enter into a settlement of compensation with MTO for said expropriations on the following basis:

- 1) The compensation be \$66,700.00 plus interest at 6% annually from the date of expropriation until the date of payment together with TRCA's reasonable legal fees;
- 2) MTO abandon its expropriation of Part 2 on Plan 43R-31166, and Part 2 be returned to TRCA;

AND FURTHER THAT authorized TRCA officials be directed to take whatever action may be required to implement the settlement agreement, including the obtaining of necessary approvals and the signing and execution of any documents.

CARRIED

## RES.#A210/10 - OFFICE ACCOMMODATION Lease of Office Space at the Earth Rangers Centre, CFN 40721. Approval to enter into a lease for a five-year term for approximately 4,400 square feet of office space at the Earth Rangers Centre at Kortright Centre for Conservation. (Executive Res.#B138/10)

Moved by: Gay Cowbourne Seconded by: Gino Rosati

THAT Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) enter into a lease with the Earth Rangers Foundation for office space located at the Earth Rangers Centre at Kortright Centre for Conservation;

THAT the term of the lease be for 60 months (five years) commencing January 1, 2011;

THAT the terms and conditions of the lease be satisfactory to TRCA staff and solicitor;

AND FURTHER THAT the authorized TRCA officials be directed to take the necessary actions to implement the lease agreement including obtaining all necessary approvals and the signing and the execution of all necessary documents.

CARRIED

## RES.#A211/10 - MEETING SCHEDULE 2011-2012 To provide a schedule of meetings for the forthcoming Authority year, beginning January 28, 2011 and ending February 24, 2012. (Executive Res.#B139/10)

Moved by:	Gay Cowbourne
Seconded by:	Gino Rosati

THAT the Schedule of Meetings 2011-2012, dated November 1, 2010, be approved;

THAT the Executive Committee be designated the powers of the Authority during the month of August, 2011, as defined in Section 2.10 of the Rules of Conduct;

AND FURTHER THAT the CAO's Office distribute this schedule at the earliest opportunity to Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) watershed municipalities and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

CARRIED

## **SECTION II - ITEMS FOR AUTHORITY INFORMATION**

RES.#A212/10 - SECTION II - ITEMS FOR AUTHORITY INFORMATION

Moved by:Linda PabstSeconded by:Suzan Hall

THAT Section II items EX8.1 - EX8.3, inclusive, contained in Executive Committee Minutes #9/10, held on November 12, 2010, be received.

CARRIED

Items EX8.1 - EX8.2, Inclusive ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING Executive Res.#B140/10 SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN POLICY OPTIONS DISCUSSION PAPER Executive Res.#B141/10 HABITAT IMPLEMENTATION PLANS AND PEEL CLIMATE CHANGE BUDGET. Contract Executive Executive Res.#B142/10

## SECTION IV - ITEMS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD

<u>RES.#A213/10</u> - THE LIVING CITY REPORT CARD Progress report on The Living City Report Card. Moved by:Colleen JordanSeconded by:Pamela Gough

#### THAT the staff report on the progress of The Living City Report Card be received. CARRIED

## BACKGROUND

At Authority Meeting #6/10, held on July 23, 2010, Resolution #A121/10 was approved as follows:

THAT TRCA staff be authorized to partner with Greening Greater Toronto, an initiative of the Toronto City Summit Alliance, to produce the first edition of The Living City Report Card in conjunction with the Greening Greater Toronto Score Card;

THAT TRCA staff continue to produce brief report cards on the health of individual watersheds in TRCA's jurisdiction on a five year cycle following the production of The Living City Report Card subject to data availability, funding and staff resources;

AND FURTHER THAT TRCA staff make provisions in the 2012-2021 capital budget forecast for producing report cards.

TRCA staff continue to collect data via the Regional Watershed Monitoring Program and from other sources in preparation for publishing future watershed specific report cards. Funding has been included in the ten year forecast for data collection, analysis, project management, design, printing and electronic distribution.

## The Living City Report Card Update

The Living City Report Card will be published in February, 2011 and will report on parameters relevant to the Greater Toronto Area as well as some details on watersheds and the Lake Ontario waterfront within TRCA's jurisdiction. There are no changes to the six main themes since this project was last presented in July, 2010. The six topics to be discussed include: Carbon Emissions, Air Quality, Water, Waste, Land Use and Biodiversity.

After much consideration and consultation with Greening Greater Toronto and various experts, the table below presents the final list of indicators, measures and the agency responsible for reporting on the indicator. In selecting these indicators serious consideration was given to criteria such as the availability of data, ability to track trends over time, understandability, relevancy and jurisdictional wide issues.

## Final List of Indicators and Measures

Metric	Indicators & Measures
Carbon	Total Carbon (GGT) Greenhouse Gas Emissions per Capita (GGT)
	Greenhouse das Emissions per Capita (GGT)
Air Quality	Sulphur Dioxide (GGT)
	Volatile Organic Compounds (GGT)
	Particulate Matter (GGT)
Water	Nitrogen Oxides (GGT)
vvaler	Water Quality (TRCA): Water Quality Index Water Quantity (TRCA): flood risk; % developed land with stormwater control
	Water Consumption per Capita (GGT)
Waste	Residential Waste Diversion (GGT)
	Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) Diversion (GGT)
Land use	Agriculture (TRCA: food deserts, farmland conservation, lands in crop production, gross farm receipts, cost revenue ratio, commodity profile, farm operator succession Greenspace (TRCA): Hectares of greenspace per capita Urban Forest (TRCA): Leaf Area Index Green Buildings (TRCA): number and total floor space of certified green building by municipality Intensification (GGT)
Biodiversity	<ul> <li>Natural Cover Quantity and Quality (TRCA): percent natural cover, habitat patch analysis score</li> <li>Terrestrial Biodiversity (TRCA): Floristic Quality Index, birds, frogs</li> <li>Aquatic Biodiversity (TRCA): native species richness</li> <li>Education (TRCA): number of school participants in outdoor education</li> </ul>

Several modifications have been made to the indicators and measures. Three new indicators have been added to describe air quality. These include volatile organic compounds, particulate matter and nitrogen oxides. Phosphorus concentrations and algae in Lake Ontario will not be reported due to the unavailability of data. Waste diversion will be reported but not waste generated per capita. Shoreline protection has been removed as a health indicator since this is more of an action aimed at protecting or enhancing watershed conditions or safeguarding people and property. Urban intensification will be used as an indicator versus population density. For agriculture, the extent of food deserts will be presented in place of the ability to grow 10% of the regions vegetable requirements. It is still undecided if human heritage will be presented in the report card. We are still investigating the availability of suitable information. Possible measures include the number of properties in heritage conservation districts, designated heritage structures, registered archaeological sites and visitation at "Open Door" heritage venues. The outcome of our research will dictate whether human heritage will be included in the report card.

Each indicator discussion will provide an overview of current conditions, trends, examples of key efforts aimed at improving current conditions, future targets, key steps to reach the target, and a grade. Please refer to Attachment 1 for a sample presentation of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Indicator. The report card will also feature a series of essays or "deep dives" on topics considered to be important issues for a sustainable city region such as waste, transportation, land use planning and design, and ecological goods and services. Greening Greater Toronto will prepare the waste and transportation essays. The Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) will prepare the land use planning and design essay, and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) will prepare the essay on ecological goods and services.

## **Report Presentation**

The Living City Report Card will be presented in three different formats:

- 1. long-form report, 8.5 x 11 vertical format and approximately 60 pages in length will include one to two page spreads for each indicator;
- 2. short-form/scorecard: an abbreviated six panel fold out which will highlight key messages and findings; and
- interactive on-line presentation which will be extensively disseminated to a broader audience. The on-line version will result is a significant reduction in printing of paper products.

The outline for the long form report includes:

1. Introduction (jointly signed by TRCA and GGT)

## 2. Definition:

- characterization of geographic study area;
- detailed overview of methodology; and
- acknowledgements.

## 3. Overview of Themes and Indicator Data:

- Six themes: carbon emissions, air quality, water, waste, land use and biodiversity and an overview of what they mean, why they matter, why measure them, and comparisons within the GTA/TRCA jurisdiction and with other city regions.
- Each theme will include: introduction, driver tree (a visual representation of the primary parameters "driving" the various indicators), and a presentation of the indicators condition, trends if available, grade, partnerships, target and next steps.

## 4. Deep-Dive on Select Topics for Sustainable Communities

- transportation (GGT);
- waste (GGT);
- land use design and planning (OPPI/TRCA);
- ecological goods and services (TRCA).

## 5. How You Can Step Up/Call to Action

• Outlines what individuals, private sector organizations, nonprofit organizations and governments can do to address the issues identified to improve the environmental performance of the region. The report card recommends some of the major steps needed in the way of policy, investment or behavioral change needed for a healthy sustainable city region.

### **External Contributors**

TRCA and GGT have engaged a wide range of external experts to contribute to many of the indicators and "deep dive" topic discussions. To name a few, OPPI will write a call to action regarding the ways in which city region planning must be done in the future. For the agriculture indicator, the Martin Prosperity Institute, Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto will be writing on the topic of food deserts which will present a compelling story about the local food challenges facing TRCA's jurisdiction. Planscape will also present key findings and messages affecting the conventional agricultural sector in the GTA. In addition, a University of Toronto professor has undertaken extensive research on the GTA's greenhouse gas emissions for various sectors which will presented in the report card.

#### Launch

The report card will be launched by TRCA and GGT at the next Toronto City Summit on February 10th and 11th, 2011, which is expected to be attended by media and approximately 800 people. We expect to produce and distribute approximately 800 copies of the report card at the event and subsequently by electronic media.

## DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

#### November, 2010

- Finalize design concepts.
- Edit and finalize content.
- Submit content for layout.
- Develop a communications strategy in partnership with GGT which will detail how the report card will be disseminated and promoted via social marketing and mail-outs leading up to and following the launch of the report card.
- Select a printer company to produce the documents.

#### December, 2010

- Develop on-line presentation.
- Communications strategy to be finalized.
- Initiate implementation of the communications strategy.

#### January, 2011

- Final review of print materials.
- Print materials sent for production.
- Finalization of on-line presentation.
- Implementation of communications strategy.

February, 2011

• Launch at Toronto City Summit, February 10-11, 2011.

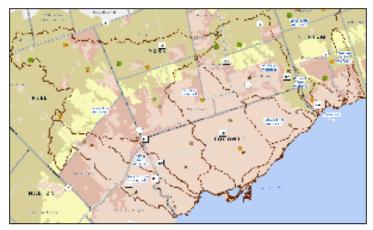
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## Attachments 1 The Living City Report Card 2010 Indicator — Terrestrial Biodiversity

### Grade D, with data showing a downward trend in biodiversity

The biodiversity of our plant, bird and frog species are a direct indicator of how well we are protecting and restoring the regional system of natural areas across the TRCA's jurisdiction While a grade of 'D' for biodiversity is sufficient cause for serious concern, the urban portions of TRCA's watersheds have scored an alarmingly low grade of 'F'. The data also show that conditions are deteriorating in the face of continued urban development, the invasion of non-native species and the impacts of climate change.

Typically, the monitoring sites accorded the higher grades (mostly Bs and Cs) are located in the



more rural and northern portions of the region that feature large patches of intact habitat and suffer fewer disturbances from traffic or development. Only the most adaptable and opportunistic species – just one third of the 1,112 species plants and animals that originally thrived in the region – have been able to maintain a foothold in the

urban core.

While the data shows declines in plant biodiversity are not as severe as those seen among bird and frog species, the respite may only be temporary. When conditions become unfavourable, birds leave to search out more appropriate habitat, while local frog populations may simply die out. Plants are not mobile and while individuals may persist for a time, they will eventually decline and disappear.

Grading Criteria for Terrestrial Biodiversity						
Grade	Forest Birds	Wetland Birds	Forest FQI *	Wetland FQI *	Frogs	
А	>37	>12	>30	>34	>19	
В	27 – 36	9-11	26-30	27 – 33	15 – 18	
с	17 – 26	7 – 8	21-25	20 – 26	11 - 14	
D	7 – 16	5 – 6	16-20	13 - 19	8-10	
F	0-6	0 - 4	11 – 15	0 - 12	0 - 7	
* The Floristic Quality Index (FQI) is a measure of a site's overall						

plant community integrity and biodiversity.

## Trends in Terrestrial Biodiversity

- Within the urban zone, no frogs were present in 9 of the 22 monitoring sites, and an additional four sites had only one species.
- Approximately 10% of the native local species of flora and 6% of the birds, amphibians, reptiles and mammals have been extirpated from the region.
- Many other species just 'hanging on'. Of the 1,112 native flora and fauna species found in the region, 700 (63%) have been identified as species of "Regional Conservation Concern".
- While they may be still be found in undisturbed pockets and natural areas across the region, their range has shrunk by more than 80% and they have disappeared almost entirely from the urban core of the region.
- The province has designated 19 species of plants, mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians found in the region as "Species at Risk" in danger of extirpation.
- Invasive plants and animals can out-compete and displace many native species. Today, introduced non-native plants make up 45% of all the flora species found in the region.

## Leadership

- TRCA will continue to undertake invasive alien plant management on TRCA-owned properties. Terrestrial invasive plants can out-compete native flora for resources and transform large areas into virtual monocultures.
- TRCA is implementing its Terrestrial Natural Heritage System Strategy through land securement, stewardship, and restoration, while municipalities are using the strategy to identify and protect their own natural heritage systems within their planning documents.
- Provincial and federal agencies working on biodiversity strategy and invasive species strategies. The For example, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is working on recovery planning for Species at Risk in the province.
- TRCA is partnering with the City of Toronto to produce a series of biodiversity guidebooks that will describe the wealth of biodiversity within the city and highlighting threats and potential mitigations.

## Target for 2016

The five-year target is to complete reforestation and wetland habitat restoration on approximately 750 hectares across the region. In addition, the management of alien invasive species will continue on both TRCA property and private lands, and high priority plant restoration projects will be designed and undertaken to increase the quantity and quality of habitat patches.

## Next Steps

- The cost of restoring forest and wetland habitats and increasing the amount of natural cover on some 750 hectares will be approximately \$8,500,000. One of the primary threats to biodiversity is the loss of habitat, so this investment is important for the sustainability of species populations in the TRCA jurisdiction.
- TRCA will continue to monitor the terrestrial natural heritage system at the long-term monitoring plots to detect changes in species composition, distribution and abundance. Currently, these detailed surveys are available for approximately 60% of the natural cover.
- Roads can fragment habitat areas, so TRCA will continue to work with regional and local governments to implement and plan appropriate safe passageways for wildlife.
- TRCA will finalize priorities for restoration of various vegetation communities and species and begin implementation of these projects through the TRCA Species and Communities Recovery Project.

#### RES.#A214/10 - WATERSHED COMMITTEE MINUTES

Moved by:Glenn MasonSeconded by:Linda Pabst

## THAT Section IV item AUTH8.2.1, in regard to watershed committee minutes, be received. CARRIED

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DON WATERSHED REGENERATION COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting #7/10, held on October 12, 2010.

#### RES.#A215/10 - OUT OF COUNTRY TRAVEL

Chief Administrative Officer. Receipt of information on the Chief Administrative Officer's out of country travel to Greenbuild 2010 and the Green Cities Conference, to be held from November 17-19, 2010 in Chicago, United States and February 27 to March 2, 2011 in Melbourne, Australia, respectively. *(Executive Res.#B143/10)* 

Moved by:Gay CowbourneSeconded by:Laurie Bruce

THAT the staff report dated October 19, 2010 on Out of Country Travel for Brian Denney, Chief Administrative Officer, be received.

CARRIED

**ONTARIO REGULATION 166/06** 

RES.#A216/10 - ONTARIO REGULATION 166/06

Moved by:	<b>Richard Whitehead</b>
Seconded by:	Colleen Jordan

THAT Ontario Regulation 166/06 items (EX10.1 - EX10.94, inclusive), contained in Executive Committee Minutes #9/10, held on November 12, 2010, be received.

CARRIED

## TERMINATION

ON MOTION, the meeting terminated at 11:55 a.m., on Friday, November 26, 2010.

Gerri Lynn O'Connor Chair Brian Denney Secretary-Treasurer

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